

July 16, 2010

Lois Villemaire
Project Manager, Zoning Code Rewrite
Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission
Development Review Division
8787 Georgia Avenue
Silver Spring, MD 20910

Re: Garrett Park Overlay Zone

Dear Ms. Villemaire,

I am writing to follow up on earlier contacts from Bob Reinhardt and Hans Wegner, regarding participation by the Town of Garrett Park in the Montgomery County Zoning Code rewrite currently underway. As you know, Garrett Park is a 112-year old independent municipality that is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. We value the welcoming, verdant appearance of our town, which is considerably enhanced by our success in preserving open space. To that end, the Garrett Park Overlay Zone was created in the mid-1990's within the Montgomery County Zoning Code. The Town also has its own land use enactments.

Recently, the Town determined to review its land use regulations, and the committee appointed to assist in that endeavor has just submitted its report to the Garrett Park Town Council. Understanding that the rewrite of the County's Zoning Code is currently underway, we are particularly eager to participate in the County undertaking, to better coordinate and rationalize the scheme of land use regulation in Garrett Park.

A small delegation of Garrett Park representatives would like to meet with you at your earliest convenience, to discuss ways in which the Town can stay abreast of and, to the extent possible, participate in the County rewrite project. Please let me know when we can schedule a meeting.

Thank you for your assistance.

Very truly yours,

Chris Keller,
Mayor

cc: Joshua Sloan
Lee D. Einsweiler, Code Studio
Nancy Floreen, President
Roger Berliner, Council member, Montgomery County Council